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Authority plans to make up budget shortfall with a tax increase

COUNCIL GRANT CUT BY £12.4M

SOUTHEND Council must introduce a raft of service cuts in 2015 after its grant from central government was reduced by £11m.

The authority now has to reduce its annual spending by nearly £12.4m.

The council said it will raise extra money through a 1.95 per cent council tax rise. It will also invest more than £3m into frontline services, in a bid to safeguard them from the worst of the cuts.

The council will outline its draft budget and where the savings will be made at a full council meeting on Thursday, February 26.

The budget proposals identify the use of £1.9m of reserves to spread the budget gap over three years and avoid "unnecessary" short term cuts.

Leader of the council, Ron Woodley, said he had made some incredibly difficult decisions to deliver savings.

Mr Woodley said: "It is inevitable that as central government funding reduces every year, the decisions get tougher and tougher."

"To put this into context we need to save more than £33m over the next three years, which is approximately £42,000 per working day or £210,000 per working week for the next three years."

"It is no longer possible to just keep making efficiencies here and there as that has already been done."

"So we are faced with very stark choices about where we save, where we look at reducing services and where we look at raising charges and generating more income to protect what we offer our local people."

"We must do all of this against a backdrop of increased demand for services such as social care, and changing demographics which

mean we are all living longer and have more elderly people in the borough that must be looked after."

"That is why we are looking at innovative proposals for how we deliver adult social care in the future both effectively and efficiently."

"We also have to deal with economic factors like inflation and the need to minimise impact on council staff too."

"However, I am also very clear that we must remain a forward-thinking and ambitious authority and that is why we will continue to seek external funding to deliver capital projects that improve the borough and also encourage private investment into the town."

"We cannot and will not just batten down the hatches and rein in our ambitions."

"That would be no good for local

businesses or for the economic prosperity of Southend."

"Our multi-million pound capital programme demonstrates how we can attract significant amounts of external funding to deliver major projects while containing the need for borrowing."

"With all of this in mind, we really have little choice but to propose a council tax rise of 1.95 per cent or 42p a week for a B and D household."

"I do not propose this lightly and accept that local people have also been impacted in austerity measures, so we have done everything possible to avoid this."

"Unfortunately, it is unrealistic for this authority to keep taking crippling government cuts on the chin without at some stage having to raise council tax by a small amount."

Call centre expands

A SOUTHEND business is creating 80 jobs after it has expanded its offices with a £750,000 investment.

Ventrica call centre based in Tylers Avenue, opened its new "designer" wing on Thursday.

Since the business was founded five years ago it has created 160 jobs in the area.

In the next 18 months the company plans on boosting employment in the borough to 300 people making it one of the town's leading employers.

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JOB: Dino Forte, founder and MD of Ventrica, with Rob Tinlin, chief executive of Southend Council, who opened the office, watched by staff and visitors

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BRIGHT FUTURE : An artist's impression of the new Fair Havens Hospice

New hospice wins planning consent

By Paul Giles

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PLANNING permission has been granted for a new hospice to be built in Prittlewell.

The proposals for a new hospice, that formed part of the planning application from Bellway Homes for the redevelopment of the former Ecco site, were handed over to the planning officers at Southend Council on June 16, 2014.

The decision to grant planning permission was made by the development control committee last Wednesday, by a majority of 12 votes to two.

The hospice charity has an agreement with Bellway Homes to purchase 3.5 acres in the south west corner running alongside Priory Crescent to build a new Fair Havens Hospice so it can care for twice as



APPROVAL: An artist's impression of the hospice grounds

many people.

Andy Smith, chief executive of Havens Hospice, said the vision will take a few years to become a reality while funds are raised to create the

new hospice. He said: "We are a step closer to ensuring that specialist hospice care is there for everyone who needs it."

"We hope to open the doors to the

new Fair Havens Hospice in five years' time. In the meantime, our focus will be on continuing to raise money for our existing hospice in Chalkwell Avenue, as well as Little Havens Hospice for babies, children and teenagers, to make sure that our nurses can continue caring for patients and their families when they need us most."

Catherine Wood, head of inpatient services at Fair Havens Hospice, said she was thrilled at the news.

She said: "It will make a huge difference just knowing we have this to look forward to in the next few years."

"Although our care team remains focused on caring for the patients and families who need us now, this is a positive step towards a new, modern hospice where we can care for more people when they need us most."

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● **SOUTHEND Hospital's** rehabilitation department is urging former patients to return crutches they no longer need.

A set of crutches costs £10 per pair and the hospital's head of rehabilitation, Noreen Buckley, said: "We know how easily it is for crutches to be put away in the garage or in a cupboard under the stairs and forgotten about once patients no longer need them."

"Unreturned equipment can cost the hospital thousands of pounds a year, so it really is important that they are returned once patients can managed without them."

Unwanted crutches can be handed in at the rehabilitation department, A&E reception desks, or the plaster room.

● **A PRINTER** has been charged following a collision in Sutton Road, Southend, involving a 72-year-old woman who was using a zebra crossing.

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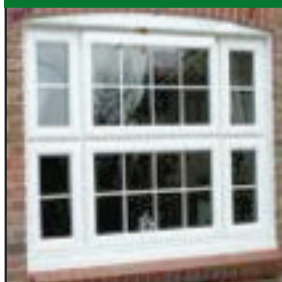
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WELCOME RELIEF: NHS staff members Jo Springett and Emma Tindall give out handwarmers in Southend
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Rail provider supports NHS campaign

NHS staff offered commuters some welcome relief last Friday by handing out handwarmers as part of a campaign to promote NHS 111.

A team from the NHS Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) went to Southend Victoria Train Station from 7am and handed out the warmers with NHS 111 logos on them.

Emma Tindall from the CCG said she was extremely grate-

ful to Greater Anglia for their support in the campaign.

She said: "We were worried many of the commuters would be in too much of a rush to stop and talk, but actually they were all very grateful for the handwarmers and happy to pause for a few moments so we could explain our alternatives to A&E."

This was the latest in a series of NHS events being run by NHS Southend CCG to pro-

mote alternatives to A&E and reduce pressure on the hospital over the winter.

The team has already met shoppers at ASDA Shobury, Aldi in Southend and Morrisons in Eastwood.

Emma added: "We want to let people know there are other things they can do to get advice rather than going straight to A&E, such as calling NHS 111 or visiting a pharmacy."

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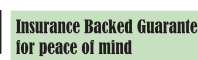
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A combined authority will involve creating a legally structured partnership that can bid for additional powers from central government to drive economic growth and carry out statutory transport duties.

The move could lead to district councils in south Essex, along with Essex County Council, becoming part of a south Essex combined authority.

The government is currently consulting on the proposed changes, which if approved, would allow non-neighbouring local authorities to come together.

Leader of the council, Ron Woodley, said following the disappointing news that Essex County Council is withdrawing from the Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership (TGSEP) the model seemed to be the next step for a revised Thames Gateway South Essex Partnership.

Councillor Woodley said: "We have seen in the north of England how combined authorities can act as a real driver for jobs and improved transport links, acting as a stronger voice for more investment and powers to deliver change locally.

"Our ambition would be to deliver transport and economic policy more effectively over a wider area and build on the work already done by the TGSEP."

Investigation into mudflat erosion begins

A CONSULTATION into the erosion of the foreshore in Southend has been launched by the council.

The study is being run by the place and scrutiny committee, and is asking members of the public to come forward with evidence to help investigate claims over the past two years by some observers that the mudflats along the foreshore appear to be changing and are disappearing.

The aim is to piece together a complete picture as possible of any changes to the foreshore, backed up by solid evidence.

The council is particularly interested in hearing from people who may have old photos or documents about the condition of the foreshore and mudflats.

The evidence will be used as part of the foundation for the study.

Even if people do not have any physical evidence, they can still deliver written or verbal responses to the council.

Any evidence that is provided will be used in a public forum.

Residents can submit evidence via an online portal on the council's website or by email to foreshorestudy@southend.gov.uk or in writing to the democratic services department at the Civic Offices, Victoria Avenue, Southend, SS2 6ER.



EVIDENCE: Peter Wexham at Southend foreshore Photo by Mark Cleveland

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RESPECT: Southend Council was in the top 100 employers in Stonewall's Workplace Equality Index Photo by Mark Cleveland

Stonewall recognises council's efforts

SOUTHEND Council is one of the country's best 100 employers to respect work place issues for lesbian, gay and bisexual staff.

This is the sixth year the council has won a prestigious place among the top 100 employers in the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index.

National campaign group Stonewall announced last week

Southend Council is 67th in the national list.

The placement brings the listing up from 15 places higher than last year.

To achieve this, the council submitted a detailed self-assessment, backed up by evidence, and invited staff to complete a questionnaire, sharing details about their work experiences.

The Workplace Equality Index,

which includes employers from the private sector and public sector, is published every year by Stonewall.

The charity measures a wide range of criteria covering policy and practice, including having non-discrimination policy promoted by all staff and supporting a lesbian, gay and bisexual employee network group.

Leader of the council, Ron Woodley, said the authority was

pleased it had again been ranked among the top 100 employers.

Councillor Woodley said: "It is good to have climbed 15 places.

"This is positive and clear evidence showing that we are continually improving our efforts to ensure equality for all our workforce.

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Ankle tag leads police to suspect

A MAN has been jailed for two years for a series of offences after vital evidence was recorded on a high-tech security tag he was wearing for previous crimes.

Darren Girling (pictured), 38, volunteered to wear the tag on his ankle as a condition of having his movements monitored after being an eight-year deferred sentence for committing 80 residential burglaries.

However, Girling carried on offending unaware that the GPS system in the tag could precisely pinpoint his position all day, every day.

As a result of the evidence, he was sentenced for two charges of perverting the course of justice, two counts of cannabis production, criminal damage to his tag, six charges of stealing from cars, fraud and making threats against police officers.

Basildon Crown Court heard that Girling had twice triggered speed cameras on a 30mph stretch of the A13 in Leigh.

His Piaggio scooter was recorded at 41mph at the same camera on November 17 and 18 in 2013.

On both occasions Girling claimed that it was not his machine and that the number plate had been cloned onto a similar scooter.

But checks on his Buddi tag showed him as being at the precise spot on the A13 at the times the cameras were activated.

Girling was also sentenced for being involved in growing cannabis at addresses in Canvey and Leigh.

Evidence from the tag was used to pinpoint Girling's regular visits to one of the sites at Harridge Road, Leigh, after he denied involvement.



He was also charged with stealing from parked motor vehicles, four at Brentwood where he took handbags and a laptop and two in Basildon where tools and a handbag were stolen.

After the hearing, DS Darren Ward described how the GPS information was given as evidence when Girling had pleaded not guilty to one of the cannabis cultivation charges.

He said: "Essex became the first force in the UK to give live evidence from a Buddi tag to a court when we prosecuted Girling."

"The software inside the tag shows a person's progress on a map and gives the exact location."



ART: Andrew Hall with some of the works of art on display

Studio Eleven celebrates student artwork

AN art gallery is exhibiting some of the works by people who are studying art.

Studio Eleven is showing works of people who study with gallery owner Andrew Hall.

Works vary from watercolours to oil paintings that have been produced by about 80 student artists.

Mr Hall said: "This is a real celebration of what people have been doing over the past year

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WARNING: An Essex firefighter shows what happens when water is thrown onto a chip pan fire. Photo by Martin Dalton

Woman burned by chip pan fireball

FIREFIGHTERS have issued a warning about kitchen safety after an elderly woman was burned following a chip pan fire.

A pan filled with oil to cook chips in caught fire on the hob and the woman, of Seven Arches Road, Brentwood, put the pan into her sink and ran the tap creating a fireball which burned her face and head, and scorched the ceiling.

The fire did not spread and was out when crews arrived just after 7pm on January 8.

Andre Turner, of Essex Fire and Rescue

Service's safer communities team, said: "Incidents like this show why it is important to stay safe in the kitchen, especially if you are going to deep fat fry chips.

"Never put water on a fat fire. Instead, turn off the heat if you can, leave and close the kitchen door behind you and call us to deal with the fire."

He added: "To be honest our best advice is to cook oven chips or use a plug-in deep fat fryer which will make sure a safe cooking temperature is maintained."

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NEWS

Court tries to ban note-taking

A TRAINEE reporter on his first week has successfully challenged a court ban on people taking notes.

The Ministry of Justice was forced to reprimand staff at Stratford Magistrates' Court twice in one day, after *Yellow Advertiser* journalist Michael Cox, 23, was prevented from using a notebook and pen.

Court manager Teresa Williams blocked Mr Cox on Friday, January 9, claiming court policy banned members of the public from writing notes in public hearings.

Mr Cox told Ms Williams that all courts had a duty to allow open justice, including the right to take notes – but the court manager insisted her ban was legal.

He said: "I knew the public had a right to take notes unless there were specific restrictions. I was just a bit baffled really when the court manager stopped me."

He contacted YA news editor Steve Neale, who telephoned Ms Williams and explained the law to her – but she claimed she was standing by her policy.

Mr Neale contacted the Ministry of Justice. Senior officials intervened, ordering Ms Williams to remove her policy and allow note-taking.

Government officers sent her a copy of court guidance, stating: "It is accepted that justice is administered in open court where anyone present may listen to and report what is said."

"There can be no objection to note-taking in the public gallery unless it is for an improper purpose; for example, to brief a witness who is not in court on what has already happened."

"This may occur where witnesses who have yet to give evidence are usually kept out of court and in civil cases in which the judge has directed that a future witness should be out of court while



ACTION: Yellow Advertiser reporter Michael Cox outside Stratford Magistrates' Court

Photo by Martin Dalton

other evidence is given, or the hearing is in chambers. Court staff need to be alert, but it is not for them to prohibit the practice."

Mr Cox was allowed into open court an hour after his first attempt, but faced further obstruction when the clerk of the court refused to give him the address of a defendant – forcing the Ministry of Justice to rap court staff for a second time.

Mr Neale contacted officials again who sent a second message ordering staff to operate transparently. He said: "As our new east London reporter, Michael Cox has certainly had something of a baptism of fire. But what a result."

"Thanks to his court visit on Friday people are now able to take notes, something that has been denied them in the past. A small victory for justice and common sense."



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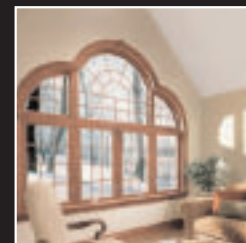
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Firefighters strike over cuts

FIREFIGHTERS walked out on strike last week over plans to axe 179 of their number.

Essex firefighters staged protests between Wednesday and Friday over plans union bosses said would amount to slashing frontline staff by a quarter. Officers warned the cuts could endanger residents' lives.

Essex union secretary Alan Chinn-Saw said: "The public will have to wait longer for their local fire engines to arrive in the event of an emergency. It will be impossible

to maintain the same safe and professional service we currently provide."

Fire Brigade Union (FBU) rep Anna Zych said proposed changes to Essex County Fire and Rescue Service's procedures would equate to losing 179 firefighters and control staff. She claimed the service was already short-staffed after the loss of 94 officers in 2010.

She said: "The latest cuts were announced shortly after Essex Fire admitted it would have to raid its financial reserves to repay a £15m debt to the Government,

because of an accounting error."

The service ordered an investigation in August after it emerged it had underpaid by £1.8m per year in pension payments since 2006.

Acting chief fire officer Adam Eckley described it at the time as "a genuine oversight by a number of parties".

Mr Chinn-Saw said firefighters were being punished for taking part in the strike. He said senior officers were locked-out without pay until Saturday morning, hours after the strike had ended, "as punishment for standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the frontline fire crews under

their command".

He said: "Essex Fire Authority should realise that we will face these attacks with the same courage and pride as we tackle fires. We face this challenge as a team, we look after each other and we keep going until the job is done. It's in our DNA."

Mr Eckley said service managers had put their best efforts into supporting negotiations, but the service had to deliver "the best solution" for Essex communities.

He said "strong resilience arrangements" were in place during the strike.

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Jersey Boy dreaming of Hollywood



RISING STAR: Lewis Griffiths

By Liz Wade

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HUGE Blues fan, Lewis Griffiths, will be heading home to Southend next month to take to the stage at his home town theatre.

Lewis, who talks fondly of Southend as his home town, having been born in nearby Rochford and schooled in Benfleet and Thundersley, will be appearing as Nick Massi in Jersey Boys, which is at the Cliffs Pavilion from February 17 to 28.

The award-winning production is the true story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and their rise to stardom. These four boys from New Jersey became one of the most successful bands in pop history, were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and sold 175million records worldwide, all before they turned 30.

During a visit to promote the show, Lewis said: "It's hard being away from family and friends. I'm in Southend today, not only for Jersey Boys but it's the perfect opportunity to meet my best friend and talk about nonsense."

Looking forward to the run at the Cliffs Pavilion, on a UK tour across the country, he adds: "The plus side is knowing I am on home turf. My old head of year will be there, mates from down the pub and school friends."

"My aunt has been on the phone to my mum already and spent £700 on tickets. I have a great family and they are very supportive."

"They've seen me in the good, the bad and the ugly - all kinds of shows."

But will he be nervous with so many familiar faces in the audience? "When I'm doing a show I stop being nervous Lewis and get engrossed in it as much as I can, when the curtain comes down I can be nervous again," he admits.

His return will also give him the chance to catch up with even more people he knows as he has worked in the bar at the Cliffs Pavilion and in the ticket office at Southend United, in a bid to pay bills between productions over the past 10 years.

The 29-year-old said: "I love Southend United and knew we were going to Wembley, so thought I'd see if they needed any extra staff at the ticket office and rocked up at Roots Hall and said I'm here to help."

"I really appreciated them taking me on when they did. I'd love to go back."

When asked about future plans and dreams Lewis immediately replies: "Hollywood," and adds: "To be perfectly honest I've chased this job and worked to be a part of this production."

"A West End transfer would be ideal. My future lies with Jersey Boys."

For details about the tour visit www.jerseyboy-suktour.com and for tickets at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, call the box office on 01702 351135 or visit www.southendtheatres.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

● **NEW** neighbourhood patrols have started in Victoria ward in Southend.

Security guards wearing body cameras have been patrolling the area between 5pm and 2am each night since the start of December.

The aim of the patrols is to deter any potential criminal activity.

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● **YOUNGSTERS** can make a dazzling wall mural when children's author Amanda Brandon visits Westcliff's Jackson Diego Story Emporium.

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From front page

Part of the company's £750,000 investment came from a European grant of £114,000 that was secured with the help of the council's economic development service.

Chief executive of the council Rob Tinlin, who opened the new facility with sea views, said he was delighted to see Ventrica grow as a business.

Mr Tinlin said: "In just a few years it has gone from a new business start-up to a successful company with an international client base."

"Ventrica is taking an entrepreneurial lead which we hope many others will follow."

"The grants that we have been able to award to local businesses using the Regional Growth Fund money secured through City Deal, enable companies, such as Ventrica, to create new jobs and to achieve their ambitions."

"Ventrica's growth is testament to the aspiration and commitment of the company."

"This firm, like so many others, makes Southend a vibrant and exciting place to do business."

Ventrica founder and managing director Dino Forte said the first few years of the business had been tough.

Mr Forte said: "I always believed that Southend was the perfect place to

satisfy the need for outsourced customer services.

"The town has long held an unrivalled reputation for the delivery of superior contact centre services and is able to draw a large pool of high calibre and dedicated personnel who are essential for a business like ours to thrive."

"We are also incredibly grateful to Southend Council, who has actively supported us over the last five years, and especially for their role in advising us on how to win European funding that has contributed towards the design, build and fit out of our new extended centre."

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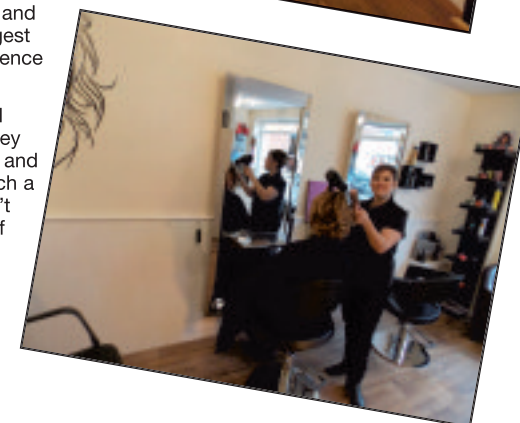
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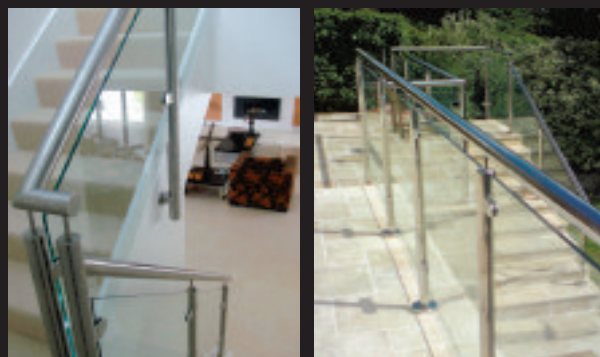


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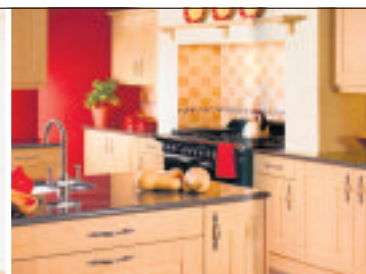
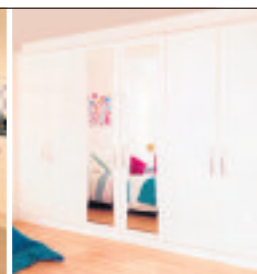
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We all pay the price of austerity

THE broken window theory essentially states that even one broken window normalises anti-social behaviour, effectively encouraging a second broken window, and then a third, and so on.

The logical conclusion to be drawn is that of zero tolerance. Fix the small things, all small things, and the rest follows.

As a local councillor I am often confronted by low-level vandalism, graffiti, littering and such like.

My role is to encourage the local authority and police to address these issues, and I have had some success.

However, in an era that sees local services and public services constrained by shrinking budgets it is becoming increasingly difficult to sort out the broken windows; as resources become scarcer prioritisation is necessary.

I understand the pressures and I understand that violent crime, for instance, has to be tackled before less serious crimes. However, there are consequences. I suspect we will see untidier neighbourhoods, for instance.

Cuts have consequences. With less money you get less. Of course, some of the cuts can come through services being more efficient, but

this can only account for a fraction of what has to be saved.

In policing, for instance, when Essex Police has to accommodate more than a £70million cut it inevitably means fewer front-line police.

Smarter policing will follow, but fewer police is not something that I have been asked to deliver; quite the contrary.

Invariably people want to see bobbies on the beat, they want the low-level vandalism sorted, they want safe neighbourhoods and criminals caught.

They want zero tolerance; they are going to have to accept the reverse.

Austerity has a price.

Cllr Julian Ware-Lane
Labour, Milton ward

Falling out with nuclear power

NOT so long ago, I attended a conference in central Europe on atomic energy.

In reality, it was more of a rah-rah session for building more of the same nonsense – despite the fact, that the panel of mostly European speakers included such luminaries as the former director of the Fukushima plant (he had left about two years before the disaster) and a high level representative of the German ministry for the environment – who was there to promote

nuclear power generation despite the fact, that the German government had already (and very publicly) decided to shut down all of its nuclear plants.

Out of about 200 people, it appeared I was the only one against building more nuclear plants and the organisers wondered, how I had managed to get past their “careful screening of attendees”.

As you can imagine, this made me very “popular”, particularly after I asked questions like a) why does the building of electricity generating nuclear plants cost anywhere from five to 30 times more than that of the traditional coal or gas-fired ones and why is almost always the government “involved”?

Understand, that tens of millions of pounds disappear in some political black hole and the “government” ends up being “held responsible” for any environmental disasters and of course the radioactive carcass; b) how can they claim, that it is cheap electricity, when the building, decommissioning and waste storage and disposal cost so much?

I didn't really get an answer to the first question, though it was somewhat rhetorical.

I knew, that “atomic business” is a lot like “defence” – because the oversight by the public is almost non-existent, it is fraught with corruption, overpriced “secret technology” and more corruption.

After numerous polite (and pitying) smiles – and mumbling and grumbling about this

sector just getting a lot of bad press, I asked if they could then tell me, how much has such a complete decommissioning cost?

Their answer surprised even me – there is not, anywhere in the world, a single nuclear plant, that has been completely decommissioned.

All those, that have been shut down in the past 35 years or so, are still going through storing and/or processing of the spent fuel and all of the “hardware” and the water used is still too radioactive to let loose into the environment. Get the picture?

Fred Nicholson.
Westcliff

Tory apology due over draft budget?

I WOULD like to congratulate the joint administration of Southend Council on managing, in its draft budget for 2015/16, not only to protect libraries, children's centres, and weekly waste collections, but to save Priory House care

home from closure. I recall the local Conservatives saying this would be impossible.

I wonder if they would now like to make an apology?

I also wonder if all of this could have been achieved without a rise in council tax, were it not from the Conservatives in Westminster cutting £11m from Southend while other, richer councils elsewhere in the country have seen their funding increased.

Matt Dent
Labour candidate for
Blenheim Park ward

Traffic masked in 'quiet street'

MY residents in Thornford Gardens are adjusting to whatever will become of their “quiet residential street” and are keen to make perfectly clear their understanding that the vehicle figures were simply masked by the good news of Havens' arrival.

Cllr Mark Flewitt
St Laurence Ward

A personal experience of two stores

WHAT would you say is the difference between the Co-op and Waitrose stores in Billericay?

Well, if you have a problem with a product and you take it back to Waitrose, you get double your money back and an apology.

On the other hand, on returning vine tomatoes to the Co-op at Queens Park Store you are given the third degree – where is the till receipt?

I did not bring it.

Err, the clue is on the packet of tomatoes, it says Co-op tomatoes and the sell by date is not up yet, although the tomatoes have a nice fur coat on.

Then the assistant very begrudgingly gave my wife a refund.

So there you have it.

If you wonder why firms go bust there's the reason. Folks vote with their feet.

Bob Reeves
Billericay

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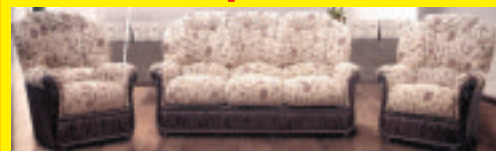
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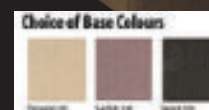
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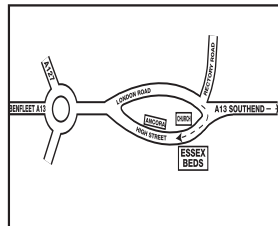
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HERE COME THE BOYS

By **LIZ WADE**

ALAN Bennett's multi award-winning *The History Boys* – voted the nation's favourite play, kicks off its 2015 tour at Southend's Palace Theatre next week.

The story of a group of bright, funny and unruly sixth-formers, has won more than 30 major awards including the Olivier and Tony Awards for Best New Play, and launched the careers of many of its original cast members including James Corden and Dominic Cooper.

The play which premiered at the National Theatre in 2004, directed by Nicholas Hytner, went on to open on Broadway in 2006 and was adapted into a film featuring the original stage cast in the same year, before enjoying two West End runs.

This new production for 2015, which debuts at Southend's Palace Theatre on Monday, January 26, is presented by Sell a Door Theatre, whose recent productions include the 2014 UK tour of *Avenue Q*, the 2011 UK tour of *Spring Awakening*, and *Seussical* in the West End.

The *History Boys*' maverick English teacher is at odds with the young and shrewd supply teacher, while their headmaster is obsessed with results and league tables. Staffroom rivalry and the anarchy of adolescence overflow, provoking insistent questions about history and how you teach it. Their A-levels may be over, but their true education is only just beginning.

Widely hailed as one of the greatest theatrical events of the last decade, *The History Boys* is an hilariously funny and exceptionally moving play about the true purpose of education.

The cast features Richard Hope as Hector, Kedar Williams-Stirling as Dakin, Steven Roberts as Posner, Christopher Ettridge as Headmaster, Mark Field as Irwin, Susan Twist as Mrs Lintott, Sid Sagar as Akthar, Matthew Durkan as Crowther, Patrick McNamee as Lockwood, David Young as Rudge, Alex Hope as Scripps, Joshua Mayes Cooper as Timms, Chris Barritt as TV Director and Melody Brown as Fiona.

Mark Field, who plays Irwin, was born in Chelmsford and grew up the city and in Southend. He said: "I did my A-levels in Southend with many an inspirational teacher at South Essex College. My English teacher was

previously in the goth band Incubus Succubus and had toured with Marilyn Manson. My Australian drama teacher at Southend helped me earn a scholarship to The Oxford School of Drama. Kiara eventually saw me on tour in Australia in my first professional performance, playing Eric Birding in Stephen Daldry's *An Inspector Calls*.

"I also teach and direct now at RADA, Mountview, Birmingham School of Acting and LAMDA, and since having a young family it has become very useful. I sometimes wonder if my other teachers would believe it, knowing that cheeky loudmouth kid that I used to be."

Bennett's comic masterpiece was voted the nation's favourite play in a recent national survey by English Touring Theatre, to celebrate its 21st birthday, and the theatre is supporting the winning play by giving away 100 pairs of free tickets to *The History Boys* throughout the 2015 tour, as part of its commitment to growing audiences and increasing access to regional theatre.

If you haven't attended your local theatre before and would like to see *The History Boys*, then apply at www.ett.org.uk/21-birthday/the-history-boys.

● For more information and tickets call the box office on 01702 351135 or visit www.southendtheatres.org.uk.

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HISTORY BOYS: Cast members and left, the full cast in rehearsals Photos: Darren Bell

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Alicia Vikander as Ava in Ex Machina
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EX MACHINA (15, 108 mins)

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, when the original Star Wars trilogy, Alien, Blade Runner and The Terminator peddled artificial intelligence as science fantasy, the reality of conscious machines seemed a distant dystopian nightmare.

Today, with voice-activated personal assistants on our mobile devices, automated restaurants and sophisticated software tracking every keystroke, a world controlled by computers appears within our sweaty grasp.

For his bravura directorial debut, London-born author and screenwriter Alex Garland (The Beach, 28 Days Later) explores mankind's unquenchable desire to give birth to sophisticated automata that learns from its mistakes.

Shot largely within the confines of a state-of-the-art complex, which has enough fibre-optic cabling in the walls "to reach the moon and lasso it", Ex Machina is a deeply disturbing thriller that explores the murky moral ramifications of creating a robot that could pass for human.

Nathan (Domhnall

Gleeson) is a talented computer programmer at a hi-tech firm run by the enigmatic Caleb (Oscar Isaac).

Out of the blue, Nathan wins a weekend at the CEO's remote island retreat and journeys to the lush paradise in a private helicopter.

At the compound entrance, Nathan is issued with a security pass that he must carry at all times. Inside, he learns that he has been hand-picked by Caleb to take part in a groundbreaking experiment: to interrogate a functioning artificial intelligence prototype called Ava (Alicia Vikander).

"If you created a conscious machine, that's not the history of man, that's the history of gods," gushes Nathan.

The programmer is dumbstruck by Ava's beauty and her ability to respond intelligently to his questions.

Very quickly, Nathan grows emotionally attached to Ava and she warns him not to trust Caleb.

The programmer's emotions are further complicated when he learns that Ava is the latest iteration of the CEO's secret work and will, by necessity, be scrapped to make way for a newer model.

Ex Machina exerts a vice-like grip on our attention, anchored by riveting performances from the central trio.

Gleeson exudes sufficient sweetness and naivete to convince us he would be an unsuspecting pawn in Caleb's diabolical and ultimately deadly game.

In stark contrast, Isaac bristles with machismo and menace as he voyeuristically documents Nathan's burgeoning attraction to Ava.

"Did you design Ava's face based on my pornography profile?" Nathan cheekily asks his mentor.

Vikander, who studied at the Royal Swedish Ballet School, sets the screen ablaze with her deliciously ambiguous portrayal.

Flawless visual effects blend seamlessly with her luminous performance to expose Ava's inner workings as she prowls her Perspex prison cell.

Like Nathan, we are bewitched by her as she devours knowledge and begs for help to avoid the scrapheap.

There's no chance of Garland's gripping film suffering a similarly grim fate.

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Stage

Top medium at Thameside

From page 25

If you are looking for something different then take a seat at Thameside Theatre in Grays on Tuesday, January 27, to see one of the country's most well-known and respected mediums.

During his 25 years as a medium, Tony Stockwell has had several television programmes, written four highly acclaimed books and taught globally at some of the most respected schools for mediumistic development, but what he likes most is variety in his work.

Tony said: "I am not a medium who could teach every day, or sit doing one-to-ones day in day out, or just work on television. For me it is the variety of the work that's important. I often accept a work offer because it's something I haven't done before, or at a place or in a country I have never been to."

Recent legislative guidelines insist that any Evening of Mediumship should be billed "for entertainment purposes" and Tony certainly uses his natural wit, showmanship and Cockney charisma to entertain audiences.

His appearance at Thameside Theatre looks set to be just as entertaining but how does he deal with a very personal message in such a large demonstration?

Tony adds: "It's important to be aware of the impact of the information from spirit to both the recipient and to the other members of the audience. Experience teaches you to wrap up the crux of the message in such a way that only the recipient knows what you



RESPECTED: Tony Stockwell

are referring to. It's often safer to ask to see the recipient privately after the demonstration.

"I am always very conscious not to embarrass people or air their laundry in public, as I wouldn't like this done to me. As much as a piece of salacious information makes for a colourful demonstration, mediums must not forget their responsibilities."

For tickets to An Evening of Mediumship with Tony Stockwell call the Thameside Theatre box office on 0845 300 5264 or visit www.thurrock.gov.uk/thameside-theatre.

Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



Get hands-on with natural history

A FORMER church is home to a fascinating collection of everything to do with natural history, from the animals that used to roam the area to the rocks that lie beneath our feet.

The Natural History Museum, in Colchester, may be small in size but it is packed with plenty of things to see and do, all of which have been fascinating visitors for more than 50 years.

Weave your way around the displays and discover a wealth of interesting things about salt marshes and beaches, biodiversity and climate change, and wildlife habitats.

One exhibit tells the story of the Colchester earthquake, which hit the area in 1884 and was the most devastating 'quake to hit the UK since 1580. The earthquake, which measured 4.6 on the Richter Scale and became known as the Great English Earthquake, is believed to have resulted from movement along a fault in the ancient Palaeozoic rocks that underpin most of Essex.

Visit its geology exhibits and find out more about the rocks and minerals found in the area, including rocks that date back up to 50million years and fossil evidence of the crocodiles, hippos and mammoths

that used to roam the area.

As well as its collections, the museum is also packed with a range of hands-on activities, which is great if you have children in tow.

You can crawl through the mock underground tunnels of a badger sett and see who you can find, peek through the Night Visitor's Window and see what creatures come out after dark, and look at objects under a microscope.

The museum is also home to a range of animal specimens including Firefly the fox, whose coat of coarse hair you can stroke.

The animals on display are made from the skins of real animals, most of which died of natural causes or where found by the roadside.

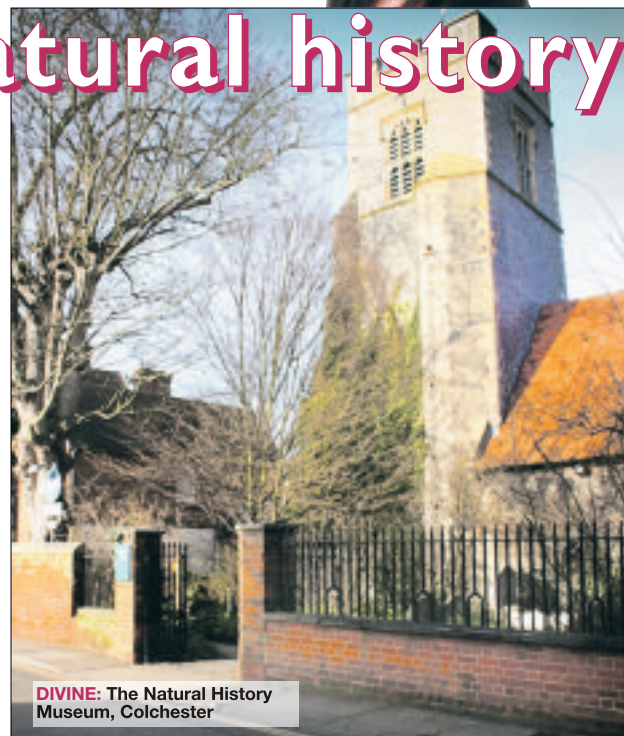
Alongside these there is also a collection of Victorian natural history specimens, as well as a temporary exhibition about the art of taxidermy where you can see tools of the trade and some specimens that are "work in progress", learn about the technique of producing study skins and see some of the specimens from the collection, including a

flamingo. Don't forget to take in the magnificent church the museum is housed in, the oldest parts of which are the nave and the chancel, whose proportions suggest they are from Norman times. The shape of the church's windows is typical of gothic architecture which dates them to between 1375 and 1550, while its north aisle and tower are more recent additions.

All Saints Church became redundant in 1956 due to falling congregation numbers but has been saved for future generations to enjoy thanks to the museum, which opened two years later and focuses on the rich natural history of north east Essex.

You can also wander around its wildlife garden and enjoy a picnic in Castle Park, situated opposite the museum.

● For further information about Colchester's Natural History Museum, which is open from 10am to 5pm from Tuesday to Saturday, and from 11am to 5pm on Sunday, and is free to visit, go to www.cimuseums.org.uk.



DIVINE: The Natural History Museum, Colchester

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Saturday, January 24

- South East Essex Ramblers - visit <http://sites.google.com/site/southeastessextramblers> to find out when we are walking this week.
- Counselling Service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, further details call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Transmission Meditation Workshop - Helliwell Room, Forum Library Southend, 10-11.30am, admission free.
- Rayleigh History Walk, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, off High Street. £2pp, info: 01268 775328.
- Yugioh Club - play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry, games, activities, arts and crafts, for ages five to 17, with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group - Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz Workshop - Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).
- Flamingo Fairs vintage and more fair, The Churchill Room, Wanstead Library, corner of Woodbine Place and Spratt Hall Road, 11am-4pm, free entry.

Sunday, January 25

- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff

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Hotel, 1pm, 01702 345247.
Sunday School, Get on Board (no charge) The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am-noon, ages three to 10, 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation - Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
King's Church Southend - Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am-noon, 01702 523639.
Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children three to 12), Bible stories, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
Mojo Friendship Club - Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, open to all, details Mo on 07757 658799.

Monday, January 26

- Ron Spack's Jazztet, Kenny Baxter saxophone/Mike Sargott Guitar, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.
- Echos from Above - new spiritual centre based at the Ekco Sports and Social Club Thornford Gardens, SS2 6PU, different mediums, 7.15pm. £3.50, all profits to charity, wards at Southend Hospital.
- Sunshine coffee morning for parents in Craylands & Felmores area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am. Free informative workshop, coffee, cake and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or just turn up.
- Monday beginners, dance class, usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club, 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am-noon, tai chi: whilst 9.45-12.30, 10am-noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm, £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.
- Counselling Service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, further details call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702

524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
Over 50s keep-fit classes - Fryerns Community Centre, details Pat 01268 770294.
Over-50s session. Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road. Badminton and table tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 inc refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.
Activity session for adults with special needs, 10am-noon. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.
Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
Weekly craft workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff Levy 07913 426371 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10.00am. 01268 465432.
Beginners computer course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
Club 60, Southend, various activities 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.
Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh, welcomes new members. Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, details Kevin 01268 792433.
Short Mat Bowls in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, five-day sessions, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.
Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mondays, 2-4pm, Tuesdays, 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.
Whist - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.
Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 293995.
Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
Evening of clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors

open 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
Healing, every Monday in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSSH healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
Development healing circle - Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.
Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.
Scrabble Club, Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), friendly club, beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, just turn up or call 01268 727915.
Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

Tuesday, January 27

- Brownies - St Nicholas Church Hall, Long Road, Canvey Island, 5.30-7pm, crafts, badge work, games holidays, sleepovers.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, further details call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yoga Class - Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6 beginners welcome. Please bring a blanket and your yoga mat. All ages welcome from 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class - with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Table Tennis, 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.50 per session.
- Singles Friendship club for 55 and over - South Benfleet Social Club. Maureen 01268 692998.
- Weekly Craft Group, Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players. James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text Alan on 07952 043456.
- Social Dance, 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, ballroom, sequence, Latin, all welcome 01702 618771.

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■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
■ Rayleigh Horticultural Society Club Night – Talk by Brian Kersey – "The Galapagos Islands", St Michael's Church Hall, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 8-10pm. £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members, including tea or coffee and biscuits.
■ Tea dance – St Cedds church, Bridgewater Dr, Westcliff, 1.45pm ballroom, sequence and line dance. Tea and raffle 0758 354492.
■ Folk music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm, 01702 715111.
■ Tea Dance, Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.
■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 2-5pm. All ages welcome, 01702 205910.
■ Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, any age, speakers, outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.
■ The Puffers' Club, exercise class for people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm, 01702 610050/466827.
■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.
■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: 12-1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30, 01268 465854.
■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50-plus, 8pm, 07970 432994.
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus, South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
■ New and nearly new stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.
■ Table top sale – Outpatients foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems, 01702 258661.
■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session inc tea, joining fee £5, first session free.

■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Menaparc), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities, age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.
■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all, 01268 498642.
■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five, 01702 577656.

Wednesday, January 28

■ Line dancing lessons, 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA, 07948 108195.
■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, for further details call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh, 1.30-3pm, speakers, social afternoons, outings, new members welcome, Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.
■ Leigh Singles Social Club, 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, Go to www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.
■ Community Forum Benfleet – Richmond Hall, 7.30pm. Why not come along, meet ward councillors and get your voice heard.
■ Activity Session for children with special needs, ages five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.
■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet, Ballroom. Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.
■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Haywain

for over-45s, Five Bells roundabout, Fobbing, 8.30pm, 07902 252758.
■ Barn Dance, Grand Cellioli Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, music from Mini Metric, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.
■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details contact Olive 01702 309280.
■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all-weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Chris 01268 419831.
■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehab, call Honore 01268 574390.
■ Leigh Singles Social Club – Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, 8pm, www.leighsingles.co.uk.
■ Social Afternoon of ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.
■ Afternoon tea dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), free car park, 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, inc refreshments, strictly over-18s. 01268 752473.
■ Health walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.
■ Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group for families/friends of alcoholics and other addictions, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).
■ Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.
■ Over 50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Basildon and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 inc refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 773100.
■ Activity sessions – The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five to 18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.
■ Palace Writers Group, 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, details Emily 01702 390472.
■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the church, 109 Ashington Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, details Gill 01702 421737.
■ Advanced computer course, Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.
■ Duplicate Bridge – Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.
■ Brentwood Buddies – social club for women and men, aged 40-60, The Essex Arms, Brentwood, 8pm, Contact Julie 07969 071392 text or phone before turning up.

Thursday, January 29

■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, further details call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
■ Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, entrance fee £3.
■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Line dancing: 1-2pm, computer £3: 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics, 1.30-3pm, £2, 01268 465854.
■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.
■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, from 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.
■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club – The Anchor, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.
■ Meeting – Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.
■ Pottery, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details DI 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.
■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.
■ Tea Dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.
■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.
■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, 7.30pm, first three weeks free, details 01277 625027.
■ Clairvoyance – Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.

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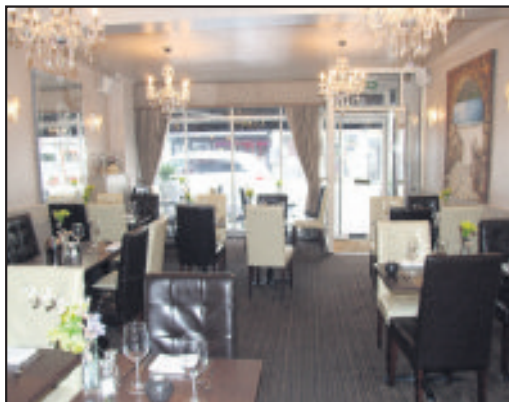
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New Winning Formula at The Palm Tree



THE Palm Tree, on Leigh Road, has garnered an enviable reputation for offering customers a fine dining experience since its opening two-years-ago.

The extensive a la carte menu has been impressing diners with its inviting mix of Mediterranean dishes, created using the freshest of authentic ingredients, cooked to order and served in welcoming, elegant surroundings.

Now, owner Samet Kilic wants to adapt this winning formula by creating a brand new fixed-price menu, based around the current successful a la carte concept. "Our customers love our menu and the dishes on it, and we will never jeopardise that," Samet explained. "We have earned a reputation for being the go-to restaurant for anyone wishing to enjoy a first-class meal by way of celebrating a special occasion, and we don't want that to change."

"However, we now want to show would-be diners that we are equally suited to providing an affordable mid-week dining option that will not compromise on the quality and taste that have made us so popular with our customers, and will still contain our trademark dishes."

Two fixed-price menus will soon be available; one for lunch and one for dinner, and both will continue to feature favourite items and Palm Tree specialties, as well as some exciting new signature dishes. Dinner guests can enjoy either a three-course-meal for just **£15.95** or two-course meal for **£12.95**, available Monday to Friday and Sundays (**£23.50** and **£19.50** respectively on Saturday nights). Both will include an extensive range of starters such as Scallops au Gratin and Sardines in Peri-Peri Sauce, as well as mains including Fillet of Seabass and Mediterranean Lamb Meatballs.

In addition, a complimentary Amuse Bouche appetiser (a soupcon of homemade soup, served with bread) will be included, and a good range of vegetarian dishes and desserts, designed to tempt and tantalize, will be offered.

One-course options and daily specials will also be available. The lunchtime fixed-price-menu, meanwhile, as well as featuring similar dishes to those on the dinner menu, will provide outstanding value for money, with one course priced at just £6.95, Monday to Saturday. The traditional roast will continue to be served on Sundays, either as part of the set menu or as a single dish.

Samet's desire for a less formal, more laid-back approach to dining at the Palm Tree is also reflected in the newly refashioned interior, evincing a more relaxed ambience while still retaining the warm and friendly feel, as well as the fact that The Palm Tree will now be open all day, every day, from 11:30 until late. "We really hope people like the changes we are making," Samet told us. "In essence, all we're doing is continuing to offer the same grade A cuisine we always have, and as found in most exclusive restaurants, but at only a fraction of the price and without the accompanying fuss and formality." Sounds like another winning formula!

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As well as freshly preparing an extensive range of traditional Indian cuisines, Kamrul serves a variety of specialities and recommended dishes that will suit a range of tastes and mouth-watering cuisine includes Bombay sizzling tava, zinga delight and shashlik chicken masala.

Blue Chutney is not only the place to be to enjoy delicious food but it also the venue to enjoy a variety of entertainment including tribute nights. Anyone interested in up-and-coming Tribute Nights, which include a delicious four-course set menu, is urged to call for further information.

The restaurant is also the place to be to celebrate a range of occasions including Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 14, and Mother's Day on Sunday, March 15, for which anyone interested is also urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

Throughout the year diners are invited to party at Blue Chutney, thanks to its Drinks Promotion every Wednesday and Friday evening.

Enjoy a starter, main course, side dish, rice or naan bread from the menu (king prawn £3.30 extra) plus as much drink as you want for one hour and 45 minutes. You must book your table in advance to enjoy this offer, which costs £20.95 per person on Wednesday and £24.95 on Fridays.

Drinks include Cobra and Carling draught beer, wine by the glass, spirits – vodka, gin, brandy, and whisky – as well as Malibu, Baileys, Archers and soft drinks (excludes wines by the



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The restaurant, which also offers a full take-away service with free local delivery, is open

from noon to 2pm and from 5.30pm to 11pm, Monday to Thursday; from noon to 2pm and 5.30pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday; and all day from 1pm to 10.30pm on Sunday.

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The Lodge's a la carte menu is also available in its stylish conservatory offering you a spacious comfortable environment to try the five-star food and enjoy a wide selection of wine served by the glass.

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This is all on top of great weekly family entertainment, from Karaoke nights on Sunday and Hugh Rainey's Jazz band every Tuesday, to music quiz nights every other Wednesday with the next taking place on February 4.

There's also live Friday bands with free admission and up-and-coming appearances include Graffiti on January 30; entertainment from Streetlife during their Valentine's Party on

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A special menu for Valentine's Day, on Saturday, February 14, is also available and anyone interested is urged to call for further information.

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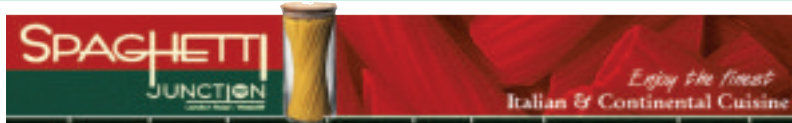
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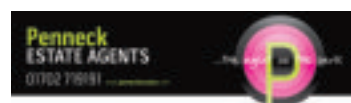


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Canewdon **£214,995**
A well presented three bedroom family home, set in the village of Canewdon. The property benefits from spacious accommodation to include a ground floor cloakroom, a lounge diner, fitted kitchen, low maintenance rear garden, three spacious bedrooms and a family bathroom, backing onto a local park with views over the river crouch. viewing essential.



Rochford **£279,995**
3 bed 2 reception room plus a Upvc double glazed conservatory detached house, located in a central location, close to Rochford Square and mainline railway station. The property benefits from an en suite to master bedroom, ground floor cloakroom, garage and off road parking, double glazing.



Ashingdon **£249,995**
A two bedroom semi detached bungalow in a popular location with a rear garden of approximately 115ft and benefits from Upvc double glazing, two double bedrooms, a 17'2" lounge diner a bathroom and separate WC, driveway providing off road parking leading to garage and no onward chain.



South Fambridge **£319,995**
A Spacious four bedroom detached family home set in the sought after village of South Fambridge. The property benefits from en suite to master bedroom, a family bathroom, ground floor cloakroom, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, 19'2" lounge, garage off road parking and a rear garden. Viewing essential.



Rochford **£234,995**
3 bed house located in a convenient location with access to Rochford square and mainline railway station. Benefiting from three good size bedrooms a lounge / diner, integral garage, a modern fitted kitchen, Upvc double glazing a white modern bathroom suite and Gas central heating.



Rochford **£304,995**
A four bedroom detached house located in a popular location, the property benefits from ground floor cloakroom, two reception rooms, a spacious entrance hall, a fitted kitchen, 52' x 42' SOUTH facing rear garden, garage and in dependent driveway. Viewing advised.



Benfleet **£379,995**
A sympathetically restored three bedroom detached chalet benefitting from an abundance of features to include a 21'7" lounge / diner, a ground floor bathroom and first floor shower room, a fitted kitchen with earth stone working surfaces, a upvc double glazed conservatory, a ground floor bedroom / dining room, a spacious reception hall and two double bedrooms on the first. Externally the property benefits from a mature rear garden and a garage and off road parking. Located within the King John School catchment area.



Rochford **£265,000**
3 bed extended bungalow benefitting from an approximate 89ft rear garden. Located in a very convenient location with easy access to local shops and schools, the property benefits from 3 good size bedrooms 21'2" Lounge / diner, 19'5" Kitchen / breakfast room, ample off road parking.



Ashingdon **£405,000**
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Hockley

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Rayleigh

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Southend-On-Sea

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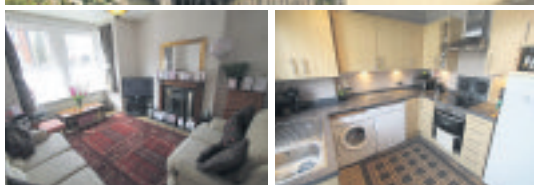
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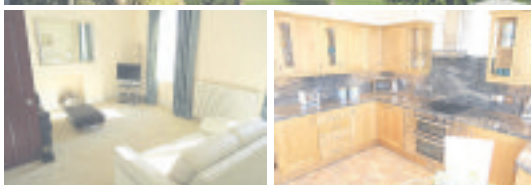
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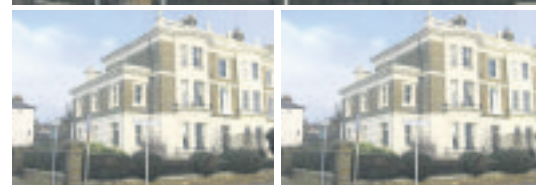
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Westcliff On Sea £365,000



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Westcliff On Sea £94,500



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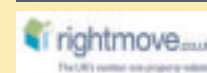
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Q. How do you see the property market shaping up in 2015?

A. I generally try to steer clear of making predictions about the property market – not least because it's all too easy to get caught out! After all, however you dress up such forecasts, and however many statistics you are able to throw into the mix, the fact remains that there is an awful lot of sheer guesswork involved – and in the case of estate agents, a fair measure of wishful thinking as well. Still, since you ask – here goes!

And the first thing to say is that it looks set to be a very interesting year. As usual, much fuss was made in the media about the market in "Prime Central London" starting to slow in 2014. Still, outside the capital, most parts of the market remained pretty buoyant, right up until the holiday season – and this trend looks set to continue into 2015. Furthermore, news just in reveals that the number of first time buyers was at its highest in 2014 since before the crash – thanks in large part to the success of the Government's Help to Buy scheme. And this too is likely to continue. But that's not all. The Chancellor's early Christmas present in the shape of Stamp Duty reform will also benefit the market by cutting the cost of moving house for the vast majority of people.

Needless to say, it's not all plain sailing. After all, mortgages themselves may be cheaper, but getting your hands on one is becoming rather more of a challenge, thanks to banks and building societies tightening up their lending criteria. And of course, lurking in the background is the knowledge that interest rates are probably going to start rising sooner rather than later.

And then there's the looming General Election. Even without all the concern about a possible mansion tax, the uncertainty that always surrounds elections is compounded this time round by the fact that the current political landscape is so complicated that not even seasoned political commentators are prepared to predict the winner.

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Ford has enjoyed international honours in consecutive years with its 1.0-litre EcoBoost powerplant, Volvo has a powerful new Drive-E family, while Vauxhall is heralding a new turbo petrol ECOTEC unit.

PureTech is the name Peugeot has given to its new range of three-cylinder 1.0 and 1.2-litre petrol engines, the latter boasting the power and torque of a 1.6-litre powertrain.

The line-up is a key part of a commitment by parent company PSA Group – which includes fellow French brand Citroen – to reduce its average CO2 emissions by an average of 95g/km by 2020.

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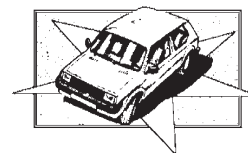
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TEN-MAN BLUES STEAL PLAUDITS

Southend United

Oxford United 2 Southend United 3
By Rowland Lyons
at the Kassam Stadium

PHIL Brown's Shrimpers are only two places off the top three after the ten men – due to Gary Deegan's first-half sending off – staged a magnificent second-half comeback.

Brown then joined the midfielder, when he was sent to the stands soon after Barry Corr's late winner.

Southend made a positive start and David Worrall saw his first minute eight-yard header brilliantly tipped over by a full-stretch Ryan Clarke.

New loan signings Jake Cassidy and Joe Pigott, slotting in well, then saw close range efforts blocked as the Shrimpers tried to exploit a shaky home defence.

Oxford had shown little early attacking intent, and it was somewhat against the run of play, on 13 minutes, when Callum O'Dowda latched onto a Danny Hylton through ball and slotted superbly past the stranded Daniel Bentley.

The game then turned into midfield attrition on the sticky surface and Deegan was soon carded for a late challenge on Hylton, before the U's striker was cautioned for an equally bad tackle on Worrall.

But Southend levelled on 25 minutes when the enterprising Worrall netted with a fine header after Pigott created space from Ben Coker's superb, inswinging centre.

The winger's goal visibly lifted the Shrimpers and Clarke did well to deny the airborne Worrall with the bravest of punch-outs.

Deegan was cautioned for the second time after 33 minutes for a late challenge on Michael Collins, although he did appear to win the ball.

It didn't take long for Oxford to press home their numerical advantage but they needed stoppage time for Sam Long to net from O'Dowda's flag-kick.

Despite having arguably suffered a major psychological blow of conceding so close to the break,

Southend dusted themselves down and were level again, three minutes after the restart, when Pigott got on the end of another fine Coker cross and sent the 600-strong travelling wild with a fine close range finish.

The U's were visibly shell-shocked, and with the home support increasingly impatient, the visitors took full advantage by packing the midfield, with Ryan Leonard and sub Michael Timlin running the show.

Limiting the hosts to long range strikes, the Shrimpers got their noses in front with only seven minutes remaining, when Corr met Coker's umpteenth cross of the afternoon, and netted his sixth of the season with a close-range finish.

The Southend goal then became a re-enactment of the storming of the Alamo, with defenders and keeper Bentley literally throwing their bodies at everything the U's could throw at them, but Oxford sub John Meades capped a poor second-half by heading over from inside the six-yard box in time added-on, when it looked easier to score.

The victory was soured by Brown's expulsion after an alleged altercation with a spectator, and he complained: "With [Leicester City boss] Nigel Pearson getting done for what he did, I think it has almost given the supporter licence to slag me off and I get into trouble as I can't say anything."

"Then the official gets involved as he claimed I had made a signal to the crowd and the referee puts me in the stand. Then I am sitting with the supporters who were abusing me which is not safe. Fortunately a Southend supporter comes to my rescue."

A clearly angry Brown continued: "I will stand in a court of law with my hand on a bible – as I did not abuse anyone. It's provocation and the supporters can get together and conjure up a story if they wish – it was bang out of order. They'll probably fine me, but the official was after me throughout the game as I was six inches to a half-a-yard outside the technical area. The fourth official was bang out of order and



GOAL: Barry Corr scored the winner at Oxford

Photo by Dave Montier

needs take a long look at himself."

He added: "Their second goal gave us a bit of a mountain to climb. But, I said to the lads at half-time, if you think you're beaten – but no one said anything – and to a man they played as well as they could. They defended like men possessed at the end of it. Then, Barry Corr got the winning goal. Cassidy slotted in well upfront and he's joined a club that is – hopefully – going places. I am delighted for the players, especially with the three goals."

Match-winner Corr said: "The win feels very good. It was against the odds and it showed the character of the team. We kept pushing on and we were pleased to get the win."

"It will be good if we can keep [this run] going as I don't think we have reached our full potential yet."

Southend travel to Portsmouth on Saturday (kick-off 3pm) and Corr concluded: "We won there last season – with ten men. The atmosphere there is always good – we're really looking forward to the match."

Oxford boss Michael Appleton admitted: "We got ourselves into a winning position, and made even more changes to make it more positive – and then gave away a sloppy goal."

Oxford United: Ryan Clarke, Johnny Mullins, Chey Dunkley (Patrick Hoban 46), Tariq Holmes-Dennis, Michael Collins, Andy Whing, Sam Long (Jon Meades 70), Callum O'Dowda, Will Hoskins (Wes Burns 54), Danny Hylton.

Southend United: Daniel Bentley, John White (captain), Adam Thompson, Jerome Binnom-Williams, Ben Coker, David Worrall (Jack Payne 77), Gary Deegan (sent-off 33), Ryan Leonard, Jake Cassidy (Barry Corr 62), Joe Pigott (Michael Timlin).

Attendance: 7,207.

Non-league round-up

Conference clubs suffer

by Brian Jeeves

IT was an uncomfortable weekend for followers of the region's Vanarama Conference clubs with Braintree Town, Concord Rangers and Chelmsford City all crashing to disappointing defeats.

In the Premier Division Braintree went down 2-1 against a strong Forest Green Rovers outfit at Cressing Road.

Journeyman striker Jon Parkin grabbed a brace for Rovers, while Sean Marks found the net for the hosts.

And it was equally frustrating for our Conference South teams. Malcolm and Frendo found the net as St Albans City grabbed a 2-0 win over Concord Rangers, while Chelmsford City went down 4-2 at Wealdstone. Corcoran, Godfrey, Cronin and Ball scored for the homesters, Michael Cheek and Rob Girdlestone on target for the exasperated Clarets.

In the Ryman Premier League, East Thurrock United's Sam Higgins reached a notable milestone during their 1-0 triumph over Leiston. Higgins's winning goal was his 150th for the club. The result lifted the Rocks into fifth place in the table, nine points behind leaders Maidstone United.

Billerica Town were also among the goals, clinching a 2-0 win over Leatherhead at New Lodge, but it wasn't such good news for Grays Athletic and AFC Hornchurch.

Dumebi Dumaka was the Grays marksman at home to Lewes, but strikes from Leroy Griffiths, Nicky Wheeler and Elliott Roman ensured the points headed south. Hornchurch went down 2-0 at leaders Maidstone United. Steve Watt and Frannie Collin scored for the Stones in front of a bumper crowd of 2,086.

Redbridge lit the way in Division One North, hammering Chatham Town 4-1, while Emiel Aken's late strike earned Tilbury a single goal victory over Romford.

Jordan Darko fired Thurrock ahead in their clash with Cheshunt, only for Mitch Hahn to snatch a late leveller for the visitors. And there was drama at Heybridge Swifts where Aveley went down by the odd goal in seven. Billy Holland, Junior Baker and Petrit Elbi were on target for the plucky losers.

Maldon & Tiptree went down 1-0 at AFC Sudbury, and Burnham Ramblers continued to struggle, crashing 2-0 to Dereham Town at Leslie Field.

Pick of the Essex Senior League action saw Bowers & Pitsea win an extraordinary game at second placed FC Romania 8-0.

Newham also found goals easy to come by, beating Takeley 5-2, while London Bari hit four past struggling Southend Manor, eventually winning 4-1.

Clapton continued to push for a high finish, their latest success a 2-1 win at Eton Manor. Elsewhere Barking replaced FC Romania in second after a single goal saw off Sporting Bengal United.

Hullbridge Sports' brave FA Vase run came to an end after a 3-0 defeat at Flackwell Heath, nevertheless, Sports can be rightly proud of their exploits in the competition.

Highlights in the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Hannakins Farm hit seven goals without reply in their Premier Division match at Manford Way, while in Division Three Upminster went one better, thrashing Southend Sports 8-0.

Big Cats break Magic spell to continue best start

Basketball

LEOPARDS will look to continue their best ever start to a league season when they travel to Newcastle to face Team Northumbria on Saturday.

The Big Cats remain second in NBL Division One with a 9-1 record following Sunday's 70-61 victory against Manchester Magic at the Brentwood Centre, sitting one win behind Derby Trailblazers with three games in hand.

Northumbria are the only side Leopards have yet to face this season, and the north east side have exceeded all expectations after being relieved from relegation last season, sitting in fifth spot with a 6-4 record.

In a tight game against Manchester, the Big Cats never trailed after Lawrence Brown had given them a 6-5 lead after two minutes, but it wasn't until the closing stages that they wrapped up the win.

Courtney Van Beest sent them into

the first break with an 18-12 lead and although Magic pulled to within two points four minutes into the second period, a Ladi Brown trey gave the home team a 32-26 half-time lead.

Byron Richards made it a seven-point game with a trey early in the third period but the visitors replied with a 7-0 run but Leopards finished the quarter strongly to as Tosin Oye-lase's free-throw sent them into the final break with a 47-43 lead.

That was as close as the visitors

came as Leopards opened the fourth period with a Lukas Winegarner jump shot and a dunk from Van Beest.

Magic made it a four-point game with 4:44 on the clock, but scores from Dave Ajumobi and Will Ashby doubled the hosts' lead and Ashby hit a dagger three with 1:27 remaining to effectively seal the win.

Leopards went agonisingly close to beating Surrey Heat in the BBL Trophy on Friday before going down 69-64 against the full-time side.



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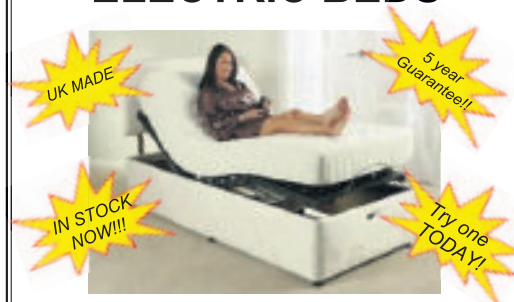
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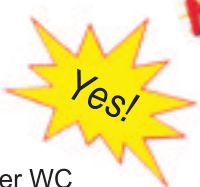
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